



# SSUNS 2013

Secondary Schools' United Nations Symposium



THE  
FUTURE  
IS YOURS

November 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Montréal, Canada

Dear Prospective Faculty Advisors and Delegates,

Welcome to the twenty-first annual Secondary Schools' United Nations Symposium. On behalf of the SSUNS 2013 Secretariat, it is our distinct honor and privilege to invite you all to the city of Montréal for one of the premier Model United Nations conferences in the western hemisphere, attracting over 1000 students from across North America and the Caribbean. We cannot emphasize how excited we are to host you and your delegates!

In an era of increased geopolitical change, it is the younger generations' beliefs, dreams, visions and thoughts that can influence our world. Our chosen theme reaches out to each and every delegate, telling him or her "The Future is Yours". It is what they learn today that will shape their future responses to pressing issues impacting nations around the world. As the prospective torchbearers of society, we hope that that students who attend SSUNS feel empowered to take the initiative and bring positive change to the world.

More importantly, SSUNS retains education as a pillar of its foundation; we strive to provide a holistic, enriching and exciting experience for both faculty advisors and delegates alike with our innovative committees, enthusiastic staff and determined secretariat. This year at SSUNS, a total of 23 committees will be simulated, spanning both the classic and special sessions of the General Assemblies and Economic and Social Councils, as well as the more nuanced Specialized Agencies and Crises, reflecting the diversity of minds and characters during the conference. Over the course of the weekend, delegates will have the opportunity to interact and debate with students representing countries from around the world.

Additionally, SSUNS seeks to go beyond the committee experience and offers delegates a chance to experience some of Montréal's finest attractions, such as campus tours of McGill University and dining at some of finest culinary establishments in the picturesque Old-Port. The highlight of the weekend for the delegates is sure to be the Delegate Gala on Saturday night; a chance to shed their committee roles and interact with their fellow students.

These are just some of the many reasons we hope that SSUNS will be at the top of your list for Model United Nations conferences to attend this year. We extend to you this invitation and sincerely hope you decide to participate at SSUNS! Should you have any further queries, please feel free to contact the organizing committee at any time.

Sincerely,



Nikhil Garg  
Secretary-General

# 21 Years of SSUNS

## Major Milestones of SSUNS

- SSUNS 1993: Inaugural session of SSUNS
- SSUNS 2004: First online registration system
- SSUNS 2006: First tours of Old Port
- SSUNS 2007: First international delegation outside of North America
- SSUNS 2012: "Renewing the Past" – 20th Anniversary of SSUNS

## Did You Know?

- SSUNS is run on a 100% volunteer basis
- Over 1000 delegates attend SSUNS every year
- The SSUNS bird is a martlet, also the official mascot of McGill
- SSUNS works with its sister collegiate conference the McGill Model United Nations (McMUN)

## "The SSUNS Difference"

What makes SSUNS unlike any other Model United Nations conference on the circuit?

### 1) Creative Education

- Bilingual committee in French and English
- Committee based on major literary work
- Historic and futuristic committees

### 2) Sparking Innovation

- "The Future is Yours" – youth-centric focus
- First ever online and paperless committee
- Two joint-crises committees

### 3) Building Connections

- Open environment for discussion and collaboration
- "Curriculum Component" – SSUNS alumni draws the connections
- Sustainable partnerships with the conference charity

# The Committees of SSUNS 2013

## General Assemblies:

- Disarmament and International Security
- Food and Agricultural Organization
- World Summit for Children

## Economic and Social Councils:

- Internet Governance Forum
- African Union
- United Nations Alliance of Civilizations
- Commission for Social Development

## Specialized Agencies:

- Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers 2008
- Bilingual Committee: Tunisian Uprising
- Organization of American States
- National Football League
- European Public Health Alliance
- Meeting of the Emirs
- UN Democracy Fund
- Newspaper Revolution 2020

## Crises:

- Ad-Hoc Committee
- Punic Wars
- Literary Committee: Robin Hood
- United Nations Security Council
- Joint: Korean War
- Joint: War of 1812

“SSUNS was an incredibly fun experience that not only allowed me to learn so much about my committee, but more importantly about myself.”

# Committee Highlights



*Here are some of the highlights from each of the categories of committees:*

## General Assemblies

The GAs are the largest and most traditional simulations.

- **World Summit for Children:** In 1990, hundreds of delegates gathered to determine a path forward in improving the lives of children worldwide. Many of the goals set for the year 2000 were never met, and thus this committee will act on those goals to create a better future for our world's children.

## Economic and Social Councils

Slightly smaller than the GAs, ECOSOCs allow for flexibility within tradition.

- **Internet Governance Forum:** A new, dynamic committee that seeks to keep up with the ever changing face of technology. The IGF will examine dilemmas arising on the world wide web through a potentially online/paperless format.
- **Committee on Social Development:** One of the oldest committees at the UN, CSocD covers issues from Indigenous Peoples to Disability to the role of Youth in development.
- **Alliance of Civilizations:** This new committee was formed at the behest of Turkey and Spain in 2006 to defuse growing tensions between the Western world and the Islamic world.

# Committee Highlights

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## Specialized Agencies

These committees range between 20 to 80 delegates and allow for more creativity and flexibility, acting as a hybrid between GAs/ECOSOCs and Crises.

- **The Tunisian Uprising:** Delegates will participate in and re-enact one of the key events of the Arab Spring in both French and English.
- **Meeting of the Emirs:** This committee will highlight key issues that confront Middle Eastern society.
- **European Public Health Alliance:** Students will represent various NGOs to compete for leverage in public health policy on the European continent.

## Crises

SSUNS prides itself in offering exceptionally matchless crises experiences to its delegates. With surprises and twists at every corner, both delegates and staff will not know what to expect next.

- **Joint Crises:** This year SSUNS is proud to be running two double joint crises for the first time. Both "The Korean War" and "The War of 1812" will provide an opportunity for war games alongside the intriguing diplomacy which shaped those conflicts.
- **Robin Hood:** SSUNS will be running this epic tale of adventure as its literary committee this year.
- **Punic Wars:** For all those history buffs out there, this committee will have delegates exploring rivalries and tensions through the series of wars fought between Rome and Carthage, and are considered to be the largest wars ever fought by mankind.

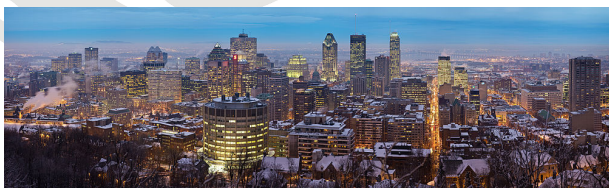
# Conference Charity and SSUNS Walkway

## Conference Charity

Every year SSUNS establishes a conference charity by promoting its core missions and objectives as well as organizing fundraising events throughout the conference in support of the charity's initiatives. SSUNS 2013 proudly carries on this tradition this year through the fundraising and publicity initiatives planned for this year's conference. Some of these activities will include charity merchandise, guest speakers, candy grams, and more exciting events to be announced! Stay tuned at [www.ssuns.org](http://www.ssuns.org), the SSUNS Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/officialssuns](http://www.facebook.com/officialssuns), or follow SSUNS on Twitter @ssuns\_mtl.

## SSUNS Walkway

One of the core principles of SSUNS is education through exposure, perspective, and experience. Each year, SSUNS invites local, national, and international organizations and institutions to attend the "SSUNS Walkway" where delegates will have the chance to speak with representatives on various volunteer and internship opportunities. In previous years, the fair has included representatives of various NGOs, universities, as well as Model UN camps who have helped delegates to extend their model UN experience at SSUNS and provided opportunities beyond the conference. We hope that the SSUNS Walkway will allow delegates to broaden their perspectives and to understand the relevance of their simulations at SSUNS in the real world.



# Life Outside Committees

## **Bienvenue à Montréal!**

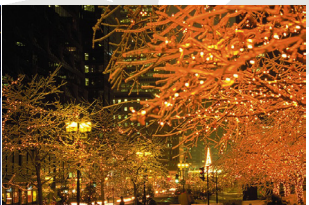
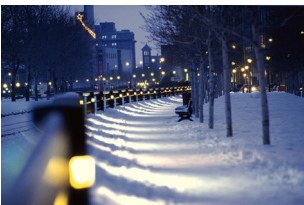
The cultural capital of Canada, Montréal is home to rich history and a reputation as one of the liveliest cities in North America. A unique city because of its bilingual nature, Montréal is also home to a multitude of ethnic fairs and restaurants for delegates to explore.

## **Downtown**

- **“Underground City”** – malls, restaurants, movie theaters
- **Montreal Museum of Fine Arts** – collections by Matisse, Monet, Picasso, Rembrandt, Rodin, and more
- **Mont-Royal** – scenic hiking trails and breathtaking views of Downtown
- **Place-des-arts** – Montréal Museum of Modern Art, Montréal Ballet, Montréal Symphony Orchestra
- **St. Catherine’s** – bustling shopping district
- **Cathedral of Marie-Reine-du-Monde** – Catholic church modeled after St. Peter’s Basilica

## **Old Port**

- **Notre-Dame Basilica** – Oldest Catholic church in Montreal built in 1656
- **Montréal Clock Tower** – The Sailor’s Memorial Clock, memorial to Canadian soldiers
- **Bonsecours Market** – gallery of eclectic local artists





# SSUNS Scholarship

Each year SSUNS is proud to present scholarships to schools and delegates based on need and merit. This year we will be continuing to ensure that delegates and schools are able to enjoy a rewarding experience at SSUNS 2013 regardless of their financial capabilities. SSUNS 2013 will be offering the following scholarships based on the criteria listed below:

| Award                    | Criteria   | Funding Available                                   |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| New Delegation           | Awarded to a school who has not attended SSUNS in the last 5 years | Up to \$275   |
| International Delegation | Awarded to a school outside of Canada or the U.S.                  | Up to \$700   |
| Need & Merit             | Awarded to an individual delegate based on merit and financial aid | Up to \$90<br>(Covers up to the cost of 1 delegate) |
| Merit Only               | Awarded to an individual delegate based on merit only              | Up to \$90<br>(Covers up to the cost of 1 delegate) |

# Hotel Registration & McGill University

## Delta Centre-Ville

SSUNS is proud to be back at the Delta Centre-Ville. Located in downtown Montréal, the hotel is situated close to many malls and some of the best restaurants Montréal has to offer. Delegates and Faculty Advisors to SSUNS 2013 will receive the special rate of \$209 per room per night plus taxes for a quadruple. Please make reservations with the hotel directly at 1-(514)-879-1370 or 1-(877)-814-7706 and please indicate that you will be a SSUNS participant.

*For further information, please contact our Delta Associate, Eric Comeau, at: [ecomeau@deltahotels.com](mailto:ecomeau@deltahotels.com)*

In addition, please be sure to make your reservation before October 8, 2013 to confirm a spot and benefit from these conference rates.

## McGill – A World Class Institution

Ranked #1 by Maclean's in Canada #17 by U.S. News and World Report, McGill is a world renowned institution that echoes the best qualities of Montréal. With one in five students coming from abroad, McGill like Montréal is home to a multitude of cultures. Situated at the foot of Mount Royal in Downtown Montréal, McGill is known for having one of the most beautiful university campuses in the world. Delegates will have the opportunity to take a guided tour of McGill organized by the SSUNS staff on the afternoon of Thursday November 6th where they will:

- See the bustling activity of campus life
- Buy McGill merchandise from the bookstore
- Have their questions answered on applications, academics, and student life
- Visit campus buildings
- Experience life as a McGill student

# Conference Fees

SSUNS registration fees consist of 2 components:

- 1) Non-Refundable delegation fee
- 2) Total fee per delegate attending

*Total Registration Fee = Delegation Fee +  
(Number of Delegates × Fee per Delegate)*

|                                  | Early<br>Registration     | Regular<br>Registration   |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Non-Refundable<br>Delegation Fee | CAD\$85.00<br>USA \$85.00 | CAD\$90.00<br>USA \$90.00 |
| Fee per<br>Delegate              | CAD\$85.00<br>USA \$85.00 | CAD\$90.00<br>USA \$90.00 |

## Forms of Payment

1) **Cheques received by mail** – Certified and school cheques are acceptable and are to be made payable to IRSAM, Inc. Payments are to be addressed to:

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PO Box 55 Montréal Succursale B  
Montréal, Québec H3B 3J5

2) **NEW! PayPal** – This year, SSUNS will be accepting payments in the form of PayPal via the SSUNS website. The registration page to the PayPal link can be found under the “Chargé” tabs. IMPORTANT: Please note that there is a 3% merchant fee associated with PayPal that will NOT be covered by SSUNS. Delegations are responsible for covering this cost individually should they wish to pay via PayPal.

## How to Register

Upon registration, delegations are required to submit:

- 1) Completed registration form.
- 2) Deposit (Non-refundable delegation fee).

# TIMELINE OF IMPORTANT DATES

**May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Online Priority  
Registration

**July 30<sup>th</sup>**

Priority Registration  
Deadline

**October 8<sup>th</sup>**

Regular  
Registration  
Deadline

**October 8<sup>th</sup>**

Hotel Registration  
Deadline

**November 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>**

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